(c) There are no regulatory constraints for enhancement of production turnover. The manufacturers have installed modern equipments and machines and employed mass production techniques. Highly effective quality control programmes have been adopted from pre-manufacturing to post-manufacturing stages. Better quality bicycles parts are also now being produced in the country. UNIDO-Assisted Bicycle and Sewing Machine Development Centre in Ludhiana assists the bicycle manufacturers to improve the quality of Indian bicycles. Bicycle and bicycle parts are totally exempted from excise-duty to make bicycles available at the lowest possible rate.

In order to give a fillip to export of bicycles, the concerned Export Promotion Council sends teams to study developments in overseas markets with a view to adopt the same at home, and also participates in international fairs abroad.

Increase in Tourist Inflow

768. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourist inflow which is 1.8 million at present is proposed to be increased to 7 million by the turn of the century;

(b) if so, the estimated amount required to meet the target; and

(c) the steps being considered to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The international tourist traffic to India during 1995 was about 2.1 million. The efforts of the Government are to attract 5 million foreign tourists by the turn of the century. It requires substantial expansion of infrastructural facilities in the country. Most of the investment has to take place in the private sector and in diverse activities including basic infrastructure.

(c) The steps taken to achieve the target include facilitation of private investment in the tourism infrastructure, assistance to State/UT. Governments and strengthening of overseas publicity and promotion.

Plans to Develop River Tourism

769. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to develop rivers as tourist sites;

(b) if so, the details of plans to develop river tourism;

(c) whether any survey has been made of the tourism potential of River Godaveri in East Godaveri and West Godaveri districts in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the Sundarbans in West Bengal, the backwaters of Kerala and the Varanasi/Allahabad sector of the Ganga have been initially identified to develop and promote river tourism.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Terrorism In Jammu and Kashmir

770. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 498 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th Novermber, 1995 and state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in terrorism-related violence in Jammu and Kashmir during the period from 1st November, 1995 to 31st December, 1995;

(b) how many of those killed were militants, how many were civilians and how many belonged to the security forces;